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In re Application of:

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to file a Continued Prosecution Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). A fee of \$1,360.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any further extension of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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